

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. This amendment adds, changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claims remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claim 1 is currently being amended.

Claims 2-3 and 6-37 are canceled without prejudice.

After amending the claims as set forth above, Claims 1, 4, and 5 are now pending in this application.

Statement of Substance of Examiner Interview

Submitted herewith is a record of the substance of the telephonic interview on March 4, 2008, between Examiners Michael Sherry and Hal Kaplan with Mr. Guy Fruchard and the undersigned, regarding the above-captioned application. Applicants' representatives greatly appreciate the courtesies and efforts of Examiners Sherry and Kaplan. The telephonic interview included a discussion of the rejection of claim 1 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,275,958 (Carpenter), U.S. Patent No. 6,160,386 (Hemena), and U.S. Patent No. 5,598,041 (Willis). It was agreed during the interview that amending the claims in the manner set forth herein would place this application in condition for allowance.

Patentability of Claims 1, 4, and 5

In view of the amendments to claim 1 and the discussion during the telephonic interview, it is believed that claims 1, 4, and 5 of this application are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited

to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

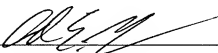
The Applicants expressly withdraw any and all claim amendments and remarks made in connection with any related patent application. The Applicants do not intend any prior claim amendment or remark in any related application to have any effect on the prosecution or scope of any claim in the present Application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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